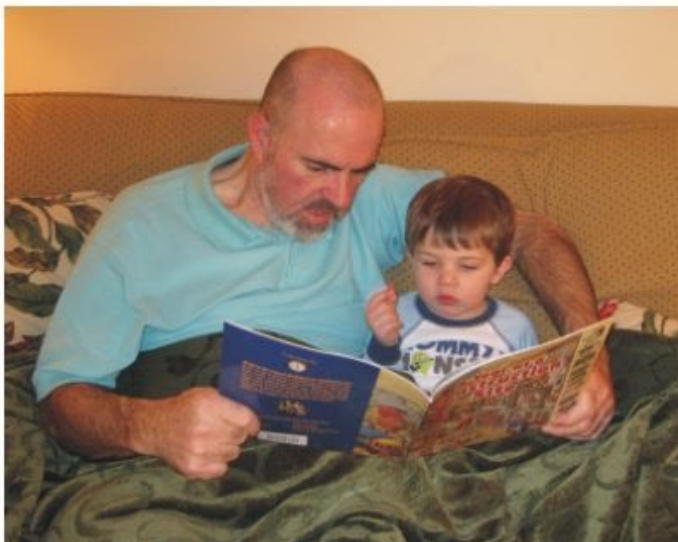




January 7, 2011
Winter vacation at the
Marriott Newport Coast Villas.
Marc & Alex stayed with us
while Amanda was at a
conference in San Diego.



View from the balcony of our condo.



**January 8, 2011
Day on the beach at
Crystal Cove while daddy
takes a 97 mile bike ride.**



**We climbed the steps
to get chocolate malts
at Ruby's Shake Shack
above the beach. The
Newport Coast Villas
are in the background.**





January 9, 2011
Alex enjoyed the ferry ride to
Balboa Island.



Rides at the Fun Zone
in Newport Beach.



**January 10, 2011
Surf and sand at Newport Beach**



**January 11, 2011
We spent the day
in the town of
Laguna Beach.**

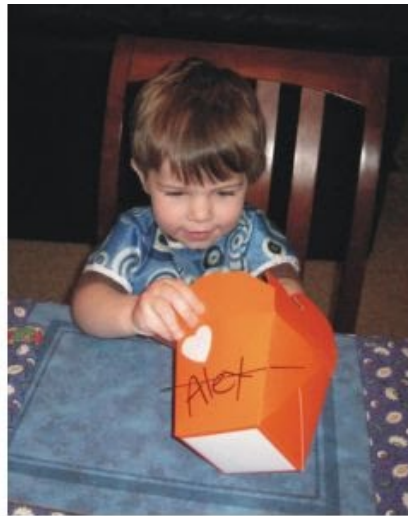


**January 19, 2011
Happy Birthday, Papa!**



**Alex & Marc outside
Cyclepath, Dada's
workplace**





**February 5, 2011
Valentine's Day preparation
and celebration**



**Sharon presented Marc & Alexis
with scrapbooks of the art they
created in their early years.**





**Sharon enjoying the
almond blossoms in Clovis**



**February 21, 2011
Sharon's birthday celebration
at Marc & Amanda's home**





**February 21, 2011
Removal of the
coastal
redwoods
from our
backyard in
preparation
for a new
garden.**



**Sharon created a
baby quilt for our
grandson Benjamin.**





**March 12, 2011
Birthday celebration
for Amanda and
Alexis**



Papa has a new drummer!



March 13, 2011
Our nephew Christopher Burns and
his girlfriend Brenda Robertson visited
us from Ohio and we took them to
nearby Kings Canyon National Park.





March 14, 2011
Following a visit to the
Fresno Chaffee Zoo,
we had dinner at
Marc & Amanda's home.



March 27, 2011

**Our grandson, Benjamin Maddox Rossi was born on March 25, 2011.
Benjamin is being held by big brother Alexander.**





Mama, Grandma Sharon, Zia Alexis, Dada and Papa are happy to meet Benjamin.





April 10, 2011
Alexis visited Clovis and we took Alex to the zoo.



April 23, 2011
Dyeing eggs for Easter





**Benjamin is
four weeks old.**



**April 24, 2011
Alexander is finding everyone's
Easter baskets.**





The Easter Bunny brought Alex two new trucks.







May 5, 2011
Sharon graduated from the University of California
Master Gardener's program.



Sharon's mentor group,
the "Grow It Alls"



May 8, 2011 - Mother's Day



Amanda, Marc, Ben & Alex





Mother's Day celebration



Two moms!





Alexis made a "digger" cake for Alex for his birthday



May 22, 2011



Alexander is three years old!





Alexander shared his cake with his family and his best buddy Jack.





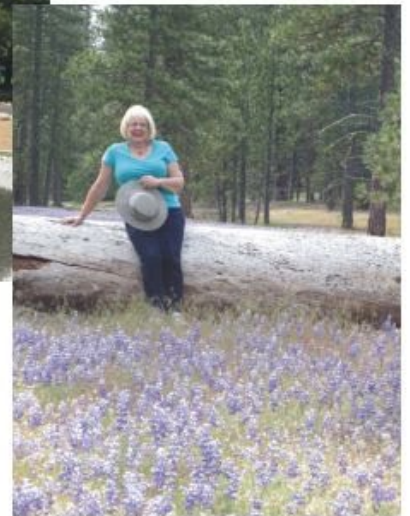
June 2011
Sharon wrote a poem "Benjamin's Sunny Day" on the day Benjamin was born and incorporated the poem into this wall quilt.



Alexander
at work and play



June 11, 2011
We visited Yosemite
National Park. The
waterfalls were the
most spectacular
we've seen.



The dogwoods
were in bloom and
we saw the last
of the wildflowers.





June 18, 2011

Gary & Marc opened their Father's Day gifts



We celebrated at the Organic Stone Fruit Jubilee in Clovis. Alex tried his hand at grinding corn and planting pumpkin seeds.



June 19, 2011 - We visited the Pioneer Village at Wawona in Yosemite National Park.



Marc, Alex & Alexis enjoyed a stagecoach ride.



We visited Yosemite's Mariposa Grove of giant redwoods and posed by the "Fallen Giant".

Rare Snow Plant



Later we all had dinner with Amanda & Benjamin.

**June 24, 2011
Janet's 70th birthday**

**Janet started the day by opening
gifts and cards, enjoying the
memory album that
Bettie & Nick compiled ...**



**... and we had lunch
together at Price Hill Chili.**



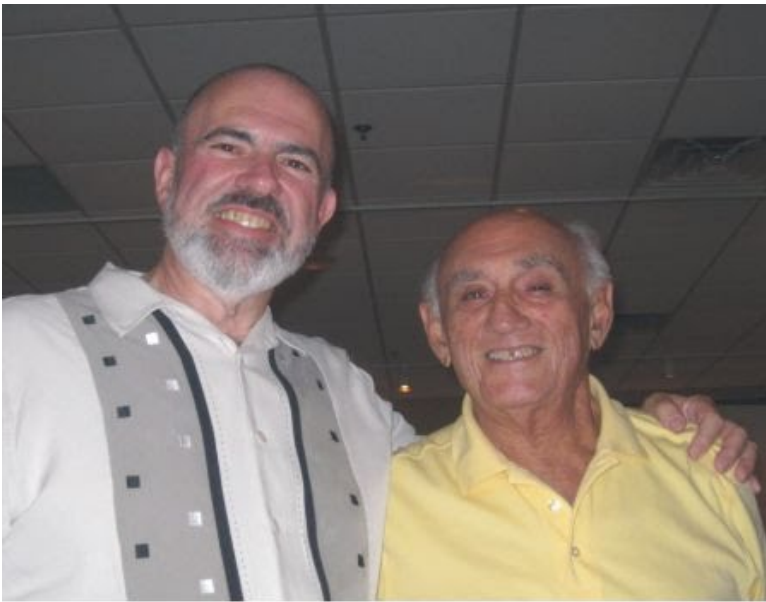
Bettie & Nick hosted a birthday party for Janet and her many friends and relatives.





PARTY!





Happy Birthday to Janet!





June 25, 2011
Gary's family & Sharon's family in Cincinnati
spent the day at the Cincinnati Zoo.



Family Portrait!



June 26, 2011
Janet made breakfast for everyone.



**The cousins and Aunt JJ performed
"The Five Chinese Brothers".**



Lunch at Skyline Chili





Dessert at Graeter's ...



**... Dinner at Pommodori
with Sharon's family ...**



**... followed by more
ice cream at Aglamessis!**





Late July 2011 photos of Alex and Ben

Art quilt "Fruiting Bodies" by Sharon





July 31, 2011
Working vacation at
San Luis Obispo
and Avila Beach

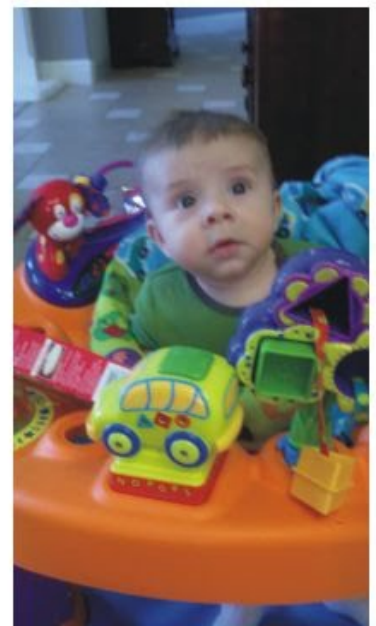




August 4, 2011



Bettie and Nick Rossi visited us in Clovis and had the opportunity to meet Benjamin for the first time.





August 5, 2011
A day at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo
with family





**After the zoo, we had dinner
at Marc & Amanda's home.**





August 2011 - Benjamin at 5 months

August 28, 2011
Grandma, Papa and Alex went on an overnight
trip to San Francisco to visit Zia Alexis



Bay Area Discovery Museum building blocks





Alexander loved the
Bay Area Discovery Museum

Heavy construction zone!

Playing the marimbas



Playing in the stream

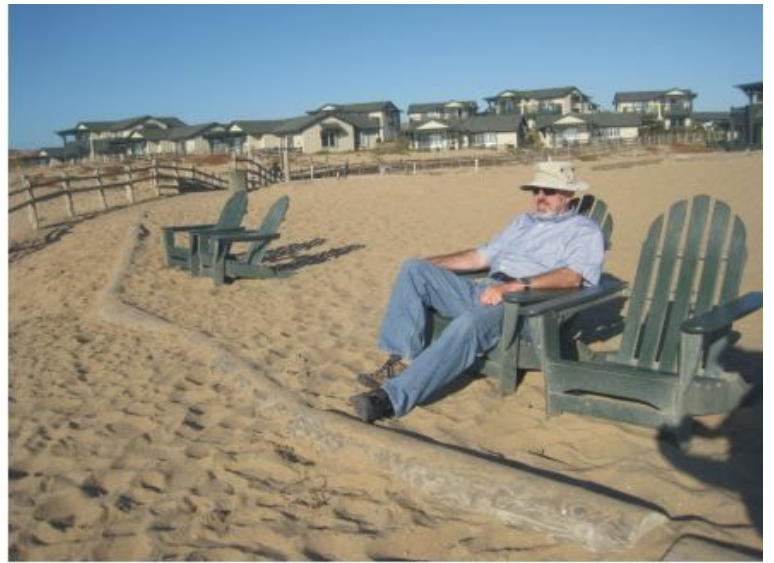




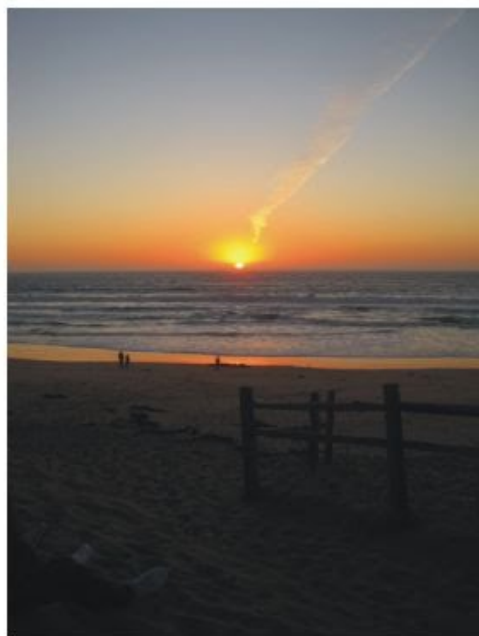
**August 29, 2011 - Pier 39 at Fishermans Wharf,
riding the trolleys and ice cream at Ghirardelli Square**



September 26, 2011
We spent a week at the
WorldMark Marina Dunes
Resort on Monterey Bay



September 27, 2011
Lunch at Nepenthe in Big Sur



Sunset at
Marina Dunes



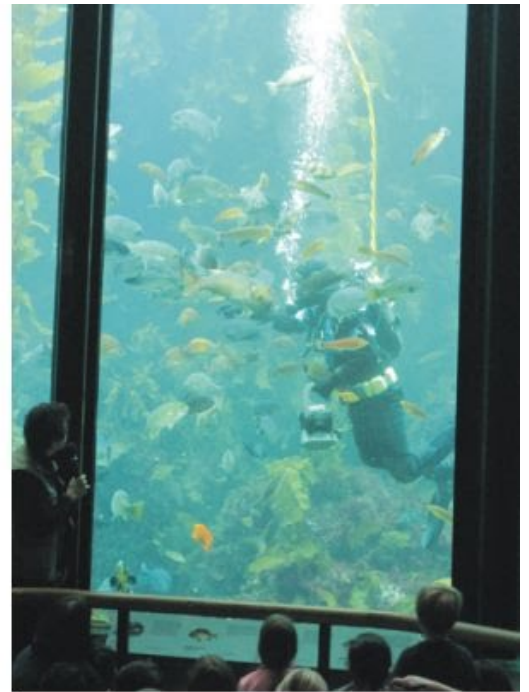
**September 28, 2011
Point Lobos State Park
south of Carmel**



**September 29, 2011
Marc, Amanda, Alex & Ben visited with us for two days at the resort**



September 30, 2011
We spent the day at the Monterey Bay Aquarium





**October 1, 2011
Butterfly Parade in
downtown Pacific Grove**



**October 2, 2011
We spent Sunday on the
beaches at Lover's Point and
the Point Pinos lighthouse**





October 2011
Alexander
and Benjamin





October 22, 2011
Grandma & Papa took Alexander
to the Fresno Chaffee Zoo Boo

